My name is Deanna Deshpande of West Hartford, and I am writing in support of HB 6897 Concerning the Application of Pesticides at State-operated Parks, Athletic fields and Playgrounds. As a mother of three young children, I do not use any pesticides on my lawn and I teach my children the importance of avoiding lawns that have the pesticide application signs on them. Childrens' developing nervous systems make them more susceptible to the detrimental effects of pesticides. I ask that you would pass HB 6897 and help me to keep my children, and all children in the state of Connecticut, safe from pesticides in the places where they play.